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Claims 1 – 17 are pending in this application. Page 2 of the Office Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1 – 10 and 15 - 17, drawn to a sample testing device.
- II. Claims 11 - 14, drawn to a method for testing a sample.

In response, in an attempt to advance the prosecution of the subject application, but without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position, Applicant has elected with traverse the claims in Group I, which include claims 1 – 10 and 15 - 17.

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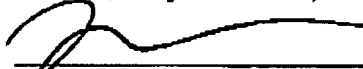
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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited. No fee, other than the \$60.00 fee for a one-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any additional fee is due the amount of such fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4709. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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